What Is CIPRA?

CIPRA is a grant program that supports comprehensive research and development efforts at organizations located in eligible nations to develop practical, affordable, and acceptable methods to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS in adults and children. The goals of CIPRA are to:

- 1. Provide long-term support for planning and implementing a comprehensive HIV/AIDS research agenda, including epidemiological, clinical, and laboratory research. Such research should form the basis for the development and application of practical and affordable methods to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS in the host country or countries.
- 2. Enhance the capability and capacity of the applicant organization to conduct research that is relevant to the affected population(s). Provide support for continual training of project staff at all levels so that the organization can develop and maintain skilled staff. Provide support for infrastructure development (facilities, renovations, and equipment) and for developing the organizational capability necessary to build and sustain an ongoing research effort.

Training and staff development is a critical component that should be included in all CIPRA applications.

What Will CIPRA Support?

Three different levels of CIPRA grant support will be available depending on the capability of the applicant organization to conduct research:

- A. CIPRA Planning and Organizational (R03) Grants will provide up to 2 years of support, at \$50,000 (direct cost) per year to institutions in nations with very limited HIV/AIDS research experience and capacity for efforts directed at the preparation of an application for one of the larger CIPRA grants (below).
- B. CIPRA Exploratory/Developmental Research (U01) Grants will provide up to 5 years of support at a maximum total cost of \$500,000 per year to develop a comprehensive HIV/AIDS research program. The U01 supports the implementation of a focused research project, long-term planning, infrastructure development, and continued collaboration and training efforts.

C. CIPRA Multi-Project Research (U19)

Grants will provide up to 5 years of renewable support to conduct multiple, coordinated research projects and research support cores focused on developing or implementing preventive and therapeutic interventions for HIV/AIDS, associated opportunistic infections, and tuberculosis in the host country or countries, and continued training efforts to develop the organizational and scientific capability necessary to sustain an ongoing research effort.

Who Can Apply for a CIPRA Grant?

Applications must come from research or clinical care organizations located in eligible countries. Eligibility requires a per capita annual gross national income (GNI) equal to or less than U.S. \$5,000. For information on a country's GNI, please refer to the World Bank's Web site, located at: www.worldbank.org.

The research must be led by host country investigators and conducted primarily in the host country. Collaboration with investigators from U.S. and other international organizations is encouraged, but is not required. U.S. institutions are not eligible to apply.



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How Do I Decide Which Application (R03, U01, U19) Is Appropriate?

- 1. Carefully read through the information on the CIPRA Web site at: www.niaid.nih.gov/daids/cipra.
- 2. After reading the information, if you feel you are an eligible applicant you should prepare a Letter of Intent (LOI). This should be sent by e-mail to the CIPRA Team at cipra@niaid.nih.gov. The LOI should briefly identify your proposed research topics and plans for infrastructure development.
- 3. After your LOI is received it will be assigned to a CIPRA point person who will be your contact regarding the status of your proposed plan and the grant mechanism (R03, U01, or U19) that would most appropriately fit your plan.

For More Information about CIPRA

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